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Docket No. 3842-4043US1

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

✓ Applicant(s) : Michon, et al. ✓ Group Art Unit: 1645
✓ Serial No. : 09/376,911 ✓ Examiner: Devi, S.
✓ Filed : August 18, 1999
For : IMMUNOGENIC β -PROPIONAMIDO-LINKED POLYSACCHARIDE
PROTEIN CONJUGATE USEFUL AS A VACCINE PRODUCED USING AN
N-ACRYLOYLATED POLYSACCHARIDE

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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS
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Sir:

In response to the Official Action mailed March 28, 2001, applicants present the following remarks. Claims 1-58 are pending in the application and were subjected to restriction. Applicants enclose a petition and fee for a five-month extension of time thereby extending the period for response up to and including September 28, 2001.

REMARKS

Claims 1-58 were subjected to restriction to one of 53 allegedly different inventions. Applicants strongly traverse this rejection. Applicants elect group 18 for prosecution in this application. The election is made with traverse.

The election of group 18 is an election of claims 5 and 15 and "linking claims" 1-4, 8-14, 16-18, 21-28, and 37-40. Upon allowance of the linking claims, it is applicants' understanding that restriction of the linked inventions should and will be withdrawn. Form Paragraph 8.12 and MPEP 809.03. The Examiner is requested to complete the record by